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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
SERGIO MANTEGANI ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION :  
(Based on PCT/EP00/06429)  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: 3-ARYLSULFONYL-2-(SUBSTITUTED:  
METHYL)PROPANOIC ACID  
DERIVATIVES AS MATRIX  
METALLOPROTEINASE INHIBITORS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 7-10.

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A compound which is a 3-arylsulfonyl-2-methyl propanoic acid derivative of formula (I):

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